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1. DR. PARK AND ARLENE BLUM HAVE NOW AGREED THAT STANFORD RESEARCH LABORATORIES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT REQUEST PERMISSION FOR TEAMS TO CARRY SMALL VOLTMETER TO TOP OF ANNAPURNA IF NEPALESE REQUIRE PERMIT FOR SUCH AN INSTRUMENT. BLUM WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE EXPEDITION.

2. LEADERS OF THE U.S. MEDICAL RESEARCH EXPEDITION TO MT. EVEREST ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR CLIMBING PERMIT. SINCE PEALE/PERCIVAL CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT, THE NEPALESE WHO WERE TO ACCOMPANY THE AMERICAN DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS ON THIS EXPEDITION HAVE DROPPED OUT. A POLISH TEAM HAS BEEN GIVEN THE 1980 PERMIT AND THE CANADIANS ARE LOBBYING HARD TO HAVE THE FALL 1981 SLOT AWARDED TO CANADIAN TEAM. U.S. MEDICAL RESEARCH EX-
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PEDITION MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON STATUS OF APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO NEPALESE GOVERNMENT BY U.S. TEAM. VANCE

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